

OUR LEVEE WORK.

U. S. Engineer A. F. Kilpatrick and Inspector Wigstland will commence work at Hickman next Monday, to finally stake out the right of way on the first 2½ miles of the Hickman and Lake county levee, etc., ready for the contractors to commence their work. The contractors are the Memphis Contracting Company, and that company will commence shoveling dirt at Hickman on September 15, to complete same on or before January 31, 1903.

EIGHTY YEARS IN ONE PLACE

"Uncle Alfred" Coleman, living six miles west of Cadiz, was in town Tuesday morning. On the 13th of next March he will be eighty years old, and is now living in the yard where he was born, and never made his home elsewhere. He was married fifty-nine years ago last February to Miss Alpha Thomas, daughter of old "Uncle Perry" Thomas, deceased, and he and his venerable wife now live alone at the old home place. They have reared a large family of children, all of whom are grown with families, and all are good, substantial citizens. Mrs. Coleman is eight months younger than her husband. Both enjoy good health, and bid fair to enjoy the pleasures of the world a number of years longer.—Cadiz Record.

Officer Killed

Commodore Bostick, well known here and a former clerk for Jim Si Cavender at Fulton, killed a deputy sheriff at Dehlstadt, Mo., yesterday where he is conducting a saloon. The information received was that the officer had gone to serve a warrant on Bostick and in some way they got into a difficulty and the officer was shot and killed. He was placed in jail and telegraphed for Sam Crossland to come and defend him and for Mr. Cavender to go on his bond.—Mayfield Messenger.

RIP HICKS FOR SENATOR.

(Mayfield Mirror.)

A dispatch to the Louisville Post informs us that Rip Hicks, of Beelerston, Hickman County, has been selected for Senator in the district composed of Graves, Hickman and Fulton Counties. Now this is news indeed. Who selected Mr. Hicks and where and when was he selected? It has been the custom for some years past to let the people have something to do with the selection of their officials, we have an idea that Mr. Hicks will find that custom still in vogue before he is "selected" for Senator.

Dog's Long Fast

About three weeks ago a shepherd dog belonging to Blaydes Brown, was mysteriously missing. More than two weeks later the animal was found in an abandoned well on the farm, from which it was extricated. Beyond being quite thin from the long fast it was all right.—Winchester Democrat.

MAY BE AN EXTRA SESSION.

It was reported here to day on good authority that Gov. Beckham was considering the advisability of calling an extra session of the Legislature to consider the L. and N. Southern merger project with a view to checkmating it. In this connection it was stated that he had consulted with Judge Thomas R. Gordon in the matter and had been advised that perhaps the existing legislation on the subject was not adequate. Hence the reason for calling the members of the Legislature together. Judge Gordon is in Lawrenceburg to-day and confirmation of the report could not be secured here.—Louisville Times.

TO RAISE \$5,000,000 FUND

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 27.—The Board of Trustees of the M. E. Church, South met here this morning for the purpose of choosing an agent to raise a trust fund of \$5,000,000 for the help and support of superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of the denomination. The last General Conference authorized the creation of this fund, and it was provided that none of the interests should be used until the principal reaches \$100,000, when 75 per cent. becomes accessible to the beneficiaries, and the remaining 25 per cent. is to be added to the principal until the fund reaches \$5,000,000. All the interest then becomes payable to the beneficiaries. All loans will be made upon improved realty, and the committee is not allowed to lend more than 40 per cent. of the value of the property. The funds will be loaned from and the interest will be paid in Nashville. Rev. A. F. Watkins, of Brookhaven, Miss., was elected agent to collect the fund. M. A. Watkins was one of the secretaries at the last General Conference in Dallas.

WHY THE TRUSTS THREATEN PROSPERITY.

Russell Sage raises his voice in warning against the trusts—against the steadily extending application of the principle of combination in business—and predicts a crash that will be a national disaster.

Mr. Sage might as well exclaim against the flow of the country's rivers as against the concentration and co-operation of capital. One phenomenon is as natural as the other. Steam, electricity and modern invention have made combination inevitable. Business men will not compete with one another when by joining forces they can make more money.

But Mr. Sage is manifestly right when he says that the existing trusts are certain to bring about a financial collapse.

On the average they are not legitimate combinations for honest profits on capital invested, but mere piratical associations for plunder.

EFFECT OF SALOONS ON HICKMAN.

OPINIONS OF OUR BUSINESS MEN.

[SECURED BY MRS. S. M. HUBBARD.]

H. A. Tyler.—Was never more prosperous since the war. New business, new factories, new buildings are never before; no failures since we shut out saloons. Good order and sobriety on our streets—far better than old days of grogshops. A drunk man rarely seen on our streets, while before one was rarely out of sight. All branches of business more profitable. Even our banks, although they have reduced their rates of interest and discount an average of 2 per cent, yet both banks have increased their profits.

A. M. DeBow, grocer.—My cash sales have increased 25 per cent.

George Warren, editor.—Business is better in every respect.

R. T. Tyler, insurance.—Business increasing.

Caruthers.—My business has increased 100 per cent.

Ellison & Bro.—Business has doubled since saloons are out.

W. J. Johnson, cashier.—About the same.

J. A. Thompson.—Deposits increased three times.

Threlkeld.—Business improving generally.

Millard Shaw.—Town in better shape than ever before.

Baltzer.—Thought it would ruin business. Has increased 100 per cent.

J. W. Rogers.—Business increased.

R. B. Broward, J. C. Brown.

Black.—Our town has improved morally, financially and physically.

H. C. Amberg.—Absence of saloons an advantage every way.

J. W. Cowgill.—Better cash trade; no saloons under any condition.

Stephens & Smith.—Books show better than ever; men pay that never paid before.

Buchanan.—Books show the advantage of no saloons.

Isler.—Increase in freight outside of jugs, over 25 per cent.

Crowell, barber.—Increase in business; will have to put in another chair.

Reeves.—Business good.

T. T. Swaine.—Town better in every respect than in 12 years.

Rosedale.—Business good and more satisfactory.

Wm. Barry.—Business good; don't want saloons.

Tom Dillon, mayor.—Town in satisfactory condition; ice business good and a better quality of work in marble.

J. W. McElroy, grocer.—Cash sales better; so is our town.

Oliiver.—Business on increase generally.

Mit Shaw.—Our town is greatly improved.

Chess Smith.—Steady improvement since saloons departed.

Bob Fariss.—We are a civilized town with good streets.

Joint Stock Co., Amos Nichols.—Cash sales steadily increasing.

John Ringwood.—Good business growing rapidly.

Tom Dillon, marshal.—Our town on a boom; houses in demand; no man need be idle if he wants to work.

Dr. J. M. Hubbard.—Practice pleasant, collections easier.

George Buck.—Business good; would swap for any saloon town in State.

BRAVE WOMAN.

Covington, Tenn., Aug. 26.—Prisoners in the county jail made a break for freedom here this morning in the absence of Jailer Smith.

Mrs. Smith took her husband's shotgun, and arming a negro trusty, covered the jail birds and held them until help arrived and they were forced to return to their cells.

SOCIALISTS NOMINATE

A WOMAN

Denver, Colo., Aug. 26.—The referendum vote of the Socialist party just completed has resulted in the nomination of Ida C. Howlet, of Denver, for congress and Edward C. Boyle, of Denver, for governor.

FIGHTING ROOM.

Mayor John P. Means has made a reputation for himself in the settlement of quarrels between women in a unique manner. He has established what he terms a "fighting room," and almost daily it is occupied by belligerent women.

Mayor Means long since learned that fines did not settle quarrels among neighbor women, and he also learned by experience that if they can have their say out to each other and cool down they will likely become friends. When two women appear before him for justice and to "get even," he locks them in his private office and then he disappears and when he reappears they have vented their wrath, said all they wanted to; and in nearly all cases, ready to quit and be friends.

In some cases the husbands of such women have been interested and amused listeners outside the door of the "fighting room." Quite a number of mayors have written to Mayor Means for all the details of his plan, with the view of putting it in operation themselves.

DIVORCES ASKED FOR.

The following divorce suits are pending before our Circuit Court: Mrs. Mollie Mooney vs. T. S. Mooney; Demeretta Long vs. J. W. Long; Mrs. Emma Lusk vs. John Lusk; Sarah Napier vs. Ed Napier; Tom Fuller vs. Pearl Fuller; Lola Campbell vs. Joe Campbell; Mary Gray vs. Preston Gray; Emma F. Taylor vs. Clint R. Taylor; Bob Shelby vs. Ida Shelby; Geo. Barefield vs. Mattie Barefield; R. W. Stallings vs. Silas Stallings; Ida McDaniel vs. Tray McDaniel; Nellie P. Branharn vs. Truly Branharn; Vic Kittrell vs. Alex Kittrell.

OUR GOVERNORSHIP.

For one, we have never been able to see why any citizen who had any comfortable occupation or reputable profession or business could be induced to accept the office of Governor—especially under our present true responsibility, than an auditor; indeed since the passage of the recent election law, he is practically out-ranked by the clerk of the court of appeals. It has however, the glamour of honorable traditions and large apparent dignity; and for mere show it has sufficient importance to gratify those who desire to occupy conspicuous positions.—Lexington Herald.

MORE LITIGATION.

MAY RESULT OVER REELFOOT LAKE PRETTY SOON.

Capt J. C. Harris arrived in the city yesterday from Tiptonville, Tenn., and was seen last night in regard to any further developments in the celebrated Reelfoot lake litigation, a feature of which was settled by the supreme court at Jackson several months ago, says to-day's Memphis Commercial Appeal.

He stated that his lawyers were drafting a bill of injunction to be filed in the chancery court at Union City this week, asking that sportsmen who fish and hunt on the lake for profit, selling their game to dealers and customers, be restrained from plying their trade on the lake unless he was paid a sufficient royalty. The supreme court decided that Capt. Harris was the owner of the lake, but could not drain it because of the fact that its drainage would be detrimental to adjoining lands.

The lake being his property, he now desires to control it. He stated that he did not desire to exact pay from visiting sportsmen who came down to hunt and fish for pleasure and recreation, but to enhance the value of the lake as a tempting spot, he wanted to protect the fish and ducks from the professional sportsmen who sold the game for profit.

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APPLE GROWING.

Mr. Kellar said that there may have been a time when apple growing was a mere adjunct to farming, but that now it was as much a specialty as live stock growing. He stated that it was just as necessary to cultivate apple trees as any other crop. Possibly more so, as apples are peculiarly susceptible to disease. He has been growing in Tennessee and North Carolina in altitudes above 1,600 feet but that it was a questionable matter in lower altitudes. He doubted if the Cumberland plateau were fully suited to apple growing, although it would be superior to lower sections.—Nashville American.

WONDERFUL MAN.

CLAIMS TO BE 121 YEARS OLD.

As little as has been said about it, no doubt Marshall county has, says the Benton, (Ky.) Democrat, living within her bounds one of the oldest men, if not the very oldest, in the whole country. Old "Uncle" Ples Warf, who now lives at the county poor house at Glade, claims he will be 121 years old next October. He says his father was in the siege of Yorktown, Va., in 1781 which battle closed the Revolutionary war. "Uncle" Ples claims his parents always told him he was born on the day the battle of Yorktown was fought, October 19, 1781; which makes him 120 years and ten months old. Mr. Warf moved to this country from Virginia forty years ago and lived for many years in the Magness section of the county until five years ago when he became unable to work and was sent to the county poor house where he could be cared for. His wife died a year or so before he went to the poor house, leaving him "old, lonely and in the way," as he has no relatives in this country. He has been an honest, hard working and quiet citizen, having never made any pretensions religiously until right recently, he having been baptized last Thursday by Elder W. A. Urley, who has just closed a very successful meeting at Glade. The old gentleman was so feeble that he was carried into the water in his easy rocking chair, baptized and brought out in the chair. So the Christian church at Glade has the distinction of having the oldest member of any church in the country.

A woman never really knows a man until she knows she doesn't.

THIEVES AT MT. HERMON.

Between the hours of three o'clock one Sunday and three the next Sunday, a thief or a set of them entered Mt. Hermon church and finding nothing that would benefit them in taking, took a knife and cut one of the peddle strings of the organ, rendering it useless.

The Mt. Hermon congregation had just contracted for the new organ. And any man or set of men, who are so malicious and low down as to do such a thing as this, if caught, they should at once be marched to Union City to the famous elm tree, where justice could be administered to them in proper style. State Line, Ky.

P. S. [The above was received through the mail, with no name signed. The Courier disclaims any responsibility, knowing nothing of the facts, and no name being attached.]

"I WAS DRUNK."

Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 26.—The collapse of Rev. Samuel Small, the well-known temperance lecturer, who was to speak for the No-Licenses-Local-Option party here last night, by Rev. Mr. Small's own admission to-day, was due to intoxication. Mr. Small says: "I was drunk. I have no excuse to offer."

If women had their way no man would have his.

GRASSHOPPERS USEFUL.

[Topeka (Kan.) Cor. to Inter-Ocean.] Farmers in Western Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Southwestern Nebraska no longer look upon the grasshopper as a pest and a menace to crops. Instead, the insect is regarded as a valuable asset, and the arrival of a swarm of insects is hailed with as much delight as is a good harvest of some minor crop. The reason of the change in the attitude of the farmers toward the grasshopper is the result of the discovery that they are excellent food for turkeys.

More than a quarter of a century ago grasshoppers raided and destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of crops in Kansas and gave this state its first reputation for suffering. The farmers in those days raised no turkeys, and the insects had full sway. To-day thousands of turkeys are owned in the western part of Kansas.

The fowls live almost exclusively on a diet of grasshoppers, and each bird is said to be able to consume between a pint and a quart of the insects every day.

TRIP TIPS.

Esquire Roberts, of the Tennessee side of Fulton, married three couples, Monday: Mr. Jake Beech and Maud McGhee of Columbus; Charlie Shelton and Addie Pounds of Wingo; and Charlie Cruce and Ardena Chambers of Jordan.

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